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It has been said that those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the difficulties and responsibilities of supporting it, and that's exactly what the California National Guard is doing.

In the last issue of this publication, I expressed my gratitude to the members of our California National Guard family who have been deployed since 9/11. I am constantly impressed and awed by their character, their integrity, their unselfish dedication to duty, and by their magnificent performance while serving our country.

I am also extremely grateful to the members of our National Guard family who remain here, securing our homeland, while performing the additional burdens repeatedly thrust upon them and their units. The void left by our deploying soldiers and airmen has been barely perceptible thanks to their remarkable performance.

And, I would be remiss if I did not express my most sincere gratitude to our "silent warriors," those members of our National Guard family who are left behind when their husbands or wives are deployed. They must single-handedly meet all household demands, care for their children's needs, handle all family emergencies, and make ends meet with incomes that are often far less than normal. Such responsibilities and hardships are extremely trying and difficult. You have done all that has been asked — and more. I am very proud of your effort and for your vital support and understanding. I am forever grateful. You have proved to the world that sustaining freedom is definitely a family affair. 🐻

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